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LARGEST ROW CROP IN PLAINS' HISTORY THIS YEAR

WORK ON NEW SANITARIUM IS
MAKING SPLENDID PROGRESS—
WILL BE COMPLETED BY JAN. 1

John Gelin, contractor and associate architect on the building being erected by the West Texas Hospital Company, informs us that everything in connection with the erection of that splendid building is coming along nicely. The framework is all up to the fourth floor, and nothing is now in the way of going steadily on to completion. The building is being constructed of re-inforced concrete and brick throughout. It will be strictly fireproof. Not a stick of timber will be used where fire could ever touch it. The floors will be of cement, tile and terrazzo, and the building will be ready for occupancy by the first of next year. The new building will have accommodations for sixty beds and the fourth floor will have commodious splendid solariums, which will be a

wonderful convenience to convalescents. Mr. Gelin stated that the building complete will cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000, and that a saving was realized by the company of about forty thousand dollars by waiting only about four months to begin the building and buy their material. A large force of men are kept continually at work on the building and the progress has been rapid the past few weeks. There is a tremendous amount of material on the ground and there sure seems to be nothing now to prevent the work going steadily on till the building is completed. The furnishing of the building will be strictly modern in every way, and in keeping with the splendid appearance and quality of the building.

Abilene Attorney Died Following Gunshot Wounds

Abilene, July 28.—Attorney Clint Chambers, who was shot in his office Wednesday, died early this morning. Attempts of local surgeons to save his life by the transfusion of blood were futile and the attorney grew gradually weaker during the night. Friday, death coming at an early hour this morning.

Officers indicated that the examining trial of Harry Carter, waiter in a local cafe, who did the shooting, will be held in Abilene Monday. However, if the feeling continues to remain threatening the examining trial may be postponed. It is not thought that Carter will be allowed bail.

After he surrendered to local officers a few minutes after the shooting, he was spirited away to avoid any complication that might arise from the threatening attitude of friends of Judge Chambers in this city.

No Deficit for Texas During Next Two Years

If the figures compiled by Chairman Satterwhite of the House Appropriations Committee are correct, there will be no deficit in the State's finances during the next two years, unless new appropriations, in addition to the regular support of the government, are passed in the meantime in excess of \$10,000,000.

The committee has completed all the regular appropriation bills, and on the basis of the information now at hand, Chairman Satterwhite has compiled the estimated appropriations and revenues for the next two years. They show total appropriations to be expended during the year ending August 31, 1922, of \$21,543,964, and total revenue and cash on hand for the same period of \$24,750,605. For the year ending Aug. 31, 1923, the figures show a total of appropriations recommended of \$11,220,538, with estimated revenue of \$18,431,034.

This shows that there will be a surplus each year, possibly in excess of \$3,000,000 for the year ending August 31, 1922, and in excess of \$7,000,000 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1923.

Certainly this is a different story from what we have been led to expect. Governor Neff particularly has insisted that unless the Legislature kept its appropriations down to the limit there would be a deficit. If the predictions made by the Governor of the disparity between the probable revenue and prospective appropriations were correct at the time they were made, and the figures quoted by Chairman Satterwhite are correct, then the Legislature is certainly following the Governor's admonition to practice strict economy and not to provide for the spending of any more money than the State has in sight.

We have no way of checking up Chairman Satterwhite's figures, but as chairman of the Appropriations Committee he has unusual means of obtaining accurate information, and in the absence of any other estimate we must assume that his figures are correct. If this is true, then things are moving along a great deal better at Austin than seemed possible a few weeks ago.

HORSE DRAGS BOY TO DEATH ON RANCH AT McLEAN, TEXAS

Hershel Young, of Ramsdell, was dragged to death by a horse at McLean, Texas, Tuesday night. The young man was looking after a herd of cattle. His horse returned with a boot hanging in the saddle stirrup. The boy had been dragged about a hundred yards. The boy's faithful dog was keeping watch over the corpse when the searching party discovered it.—Hereford Brand.

Prominent Motley County Citizen Is Shot to Death in Church Choir By an Enraged Neighbor Saturday

Marvin A. Washington, aged forty, married, was shot and instantly killed in the Flomont Methodist church, Saturday night, and E. A. Preston, aged thirty-seven, married, went to Floydada and gave himself up to officers, admitting the shooting it is alleged, according to information received from that point.

Washington was singing with the choir, and the song had just been concluded. The choir was seated, Preston entering and seating himself in the front row of the choir reservation. As the choir arose to begin the next number, Preston left his chair and turned to Washington, saying, "I am going to kill you—there is the cause." With these words, with a pistol in his right hand, and a letter thrust toward Washington with his left, Preston is alleged to have fired six shots in quick succession, four of them taking effect, and Washington dying instantly.

To the comparatively few people remaining in the church, and while standing above the lifeless body of Washington, Preston is alleged to have calmly faced the audience and said: "I surrender—here is my evidence." But failing to find an officer, or other authorities connected with the peace department, to whom to surrender, he left the church and

gave himself up to the sheriff of Floyd County, in Floydada.

The fatal document, alleged to have been the cause of the tragedy, is a letter alleged to have been written by Washington to Preston's wife. This epistle is the one pushed towards the doomed man as he arose to sing in the church choir, and was later tendered to some one in the audience, as the slayer faced about in the choir. Washington is an old-time resident of the Flomont community, and his family consists of a wife and three children, the eldest of the latter being a married daughter, and the latter are sons, about ten and twelve years. He is a man of means and has been a prominent member of the Methodist church for years. His slayer is also prominently identified with the church and is prosperous, his family consisting of his wife only.

It is alleged that the affair culminated in the tragedy Saturday evening in the quiet little Motley county community, was the outgrowth of an incident of approximately eight years standing.

The prominence of the parties, the setting of the tragedy, the suddenness of it all, created a profound sensation, and the community is greatly shocked. Little is given out as to the details of the trouble leading to the killing.

West Texas Chamber of Commerce Accomplishes Much in General for People and Towns of West Texas

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is an organization appreciated in a general way but the detailed activities of the organization are little understood by the average business man as they effect the city of Lubbock.

Geo. W. Briggs, who has been a director of the organization since its organization, assisting in its preliminary organization, is summing up some of the actual accomplishments of the organization that directly effect this city, cited the following:

"Relief in our shortage last year saved this section thousands of dollars. Assistance in the movement of coal cars through the winter. 'Exceptionally fine work that resulted in passage of A. & M. College Bill by both the House and Senate."

"Constructive publicity through more than a hundred magazines and newspapers of the North and East that has resulted in a better appreciation of West Texas conditions than ever before and that is resulting in immigration that is the major need of this country."

"Great educational campaign put on through West Texas exhibits at 17 State Fairs last year that netted this city more than 300 direct inquiries, many of whom are still interested in the section and possible immigrants for the future."

"Assisted in the cattle and wheat fights before the Interstate Commerce Commission that bid fair to be of greatest benefit to West Texas."

"Drew attention to West Texas through the defeat of East Texas in the open competition at the Cotton Palace with exhibits from this section of the state against their exhibit from East Texas."

"Remarkable fight for re-districting and other West Texas interests before the Democratic convention last fall and a continuation of pressure upon the present legislation looking toward the guarding of the interests of West Texas at Austin."

"Future plans that immediately effect this city are:

"A fight to restore Plainview, Lubbock, Post City, etc., the common freight status, taking off the differential that has existed against these cities since the establishment of these railroads. This discrimination

Cumberland Revival Closed Last Sunday; Report Good Results

The Cumberland Presbyterian Revival closed last Sunday night, after two weeks of real, old-fashioned Holy Ghost outpouring. By unanimous request of the session, A. A. Collins, the pastor, done the preaching, he being the oldest pastor in town in point of service and he preached the old time gospel to the perfect satisfaction of all who heard him.

He was assisted by T. Q. Dyess, who had charge of the song service. He sang as only Bro. Dyess can sing. The results of the meeting was about 15 conversions, real, old-fashioned altar conversions. There was 14 additions to the church, and the church was greatly helped and built up. It was the most successful revival ever held in this church for which we are all thankful to God, and giving Him all the glory. —A Member.

Everybody Should Attend Band Concert Programs

Regular weekly Chamber of Commerce Band Concert on Courthouse lawn at 7 p. m. Tuesday evenings. It will close before church time at 8:15. Drive down and park anywhere around the square, visit among your neighbors and make each Tuesday's Concert a sort of community meeting. A sport program is being arranged for a few weeks later that will include the biggest water fight ever staged in the world when every boy in the city between the ages of six and sixty will be invited to get into the game in bathing suits and old clothes and see what the Fire Department can do in the way of spreading water. Reduction of pressure will be made in order to keep the water from pushing some fellow's head off to one side. Come to the Tuesday evening Band Concert.

CROPS ARE NOT SUFFERING FOR RAIN YET AND YIELD TO BE HEAVY

FARMERS SHOULD BEGIN NOW TO ARRANGE FOR SYSTEMATIC MARKETING AND NOT GLUT THE MARKET WHICH WILL FORCE PRICES DOWN TO WHERE COST OF PRODUCTION CANNOT BE REALIZED.

The weather for harvesting has been ideal for the past month, and those who have had small grain have had a fine time to save it, and this has been a great blessing to them. Row crops are looking fine. None of it has stopped growing a minute, and is thrifty, and is now reaching the point of maturity, and the point where some additional moisture would help it to fill out better, and increase the yield greatly. Corn is looking fine. Some places we hear this particular crop would do better with a good rain.

The wheat farmers, many of them have turned in and broke their stubble land, and the ground plows well, and the land will be in fine condition to receive the first rain that falls.

In the Lubbock country the diversification of crops has been practiced pretty generally throughout the community, and farmers have quite a variety of stuff to place on the market. The cotton acreage is much less than last year. It is even less than the farmers expected to make it at first, caused by heavy rains having covered the seed to deep to come up in many places and it was too late to plant cotton again, hence was planted to other row crops, which will not doubt yield abundantly.

From all indications there is going to be the greatest row crop raised in this country this year that has ever been known, and the farmers are going to have to find some other way to market it besides throwing it on the market in the usual haphazard manner.

The Farm and Ranch asks this question and comments upon the outcome: "Will farmers glut the market?"

"Word has gone out through the daily press that the farmers of the Middle West have decided that a dollar in the pocket is worth two in the warehouse and they will market their crops as fast as they are harvested. In other words, those responsible for such reports would have the world believe that notwithstanding the organized effort being made to create a new marketing system, that the Middle West farmers are going to try again the old system of dumping their crops upon the market within a period of a few weeks, permitting a score of middlemen to secure the profits made by holding until the consuming public demanded their release at a good price."

"It is generally understood that the farmers of the Middle West had taken kindly to the movement to create marketing organizations for the purpose of supplying the demand as it is created and to prevent the glutting of the markets at harvest time. That being the case, then the report that crops will be sold at the first opportunity is wide of the mark."

"The old, haphazard system of marketing crops has always been uncertain. Producers are ready to try something new. The general trend is toward co-operative marketing organizations. While not all producers have given their support to these new organizations, enough have joined them to give them a trial. Farmers have learned to produce, and now their efforts are toward leasing salesmanship. If the marketing organizations under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, the Alliance, the Farmers' Union or under any other name fail in any particular, or in all of them, there will yet be an opportunity to profit by the mistakes made and another effort made."

"Producers of agriculture and livestock products are thinking. They are thinking of the same thing, and that is how to sell their products at cost-plus. They may be approaching the subject from different angles, but eventually they will get together and adopt a system of marketing which will compensate themselves for their industry and give the consumers the value of their money. Those interests which have profited by the old system had better be looking around for another job."

Along this line this good farm paper offers a suggestion that in all probability would be a wise plan. It says:

"It looks like we of the Southwest are going to have a big feed crop and no market. Even if it can be sold at all, the producer, unless exceedingly well located as to demand, will find prices so low that it won't pay to move the market regardless of cost of producing."

"Within a few miles of a big city there is a farmer who has on hand more than 100 tons of excellent Johnson grass hay put up last year at actual cost of cutting, tins and baling of \$8 per ton. This hay has been offered delivered on track or at dealers' warehouse at \$6 per ton and no buyer found, although same kind and quality of hay is selling at retail for more than \$20 per ton. This farmer is mowing and putting the first crop this year, instead of baling and valling. Although the hay can be saved for less this year than last, there is no reason for doing it, so long as the supply on hand cannot

be sold and the farmer hasn't livestock to consume it. Every producer, who has much feed, hay or grain, should look around for livestock to consume it if he has not enough animals already on the place.

"We can't eat any hay and not much grain, but we can cure and save meat for the home supply and sell to those who live near us who are not prepared to produce meat animals themselves."

"If statistics published are reliable there is going to be a shortage of meat animals and those who have feed and no meat animals should secure them, as, besides being scarce, comparatively, they will cost more to buy later. Prepare first for living at home and if you have a surplus you can find a buyer at a price, even if not at a profit, which is not always the case with feed."

"Buy only what we can raise for home use and raise only enough of those products for sale that there is demand for at a price that will yield a profit."

Organization to Oppose Operation Of the Ku Klux

Beaumont, Texas, July 26.—Through a communication to a local newspaper, it became known today that an organization was being formed in Southeast Texas to combat the Ku Klux Klan. The avowed intention of the organization is to conduct an open warfare against members of the Klan. The letter was addressed to the Klan.

Special service men, it was stated, have been employed to ferret out the members of the Klan, who are threatened with summary punishment.

"We have waited patiently for the officers to do their duty," the communication says, "but it seems they have not the nerve or desire to place under arrest members of your Klan who violate the law. We have formed a club, or a mob you may call it, of more than one hundred fearless men, and we are going to stop you people with hot lead and hot steel at the first opportunity and that will not be far off."

"We have sworn vengeance on such people and will shoot them down like a mad dog, men whom we learn to be members of this Klan. We are going through you people like a bull through a pile of shucks. We are in squads of twelve to twenty-five men and will gang up on any occasion to meet you people at any time or place that we are notified you are to parade or do your dirty work. There are going to be many widows and orphans left in Southeast Texas if the gang is not disbanded upon the reading of this notice."

"The communication is signed, 'Anti Ku Klux Klan of Southeast Texas.'"

Country Club to Be Organized and Grounds Bought

Plans are under way for the purchase of a 200-acre tract of land for a permanent country club two miles from this city on the famous Yellow House canyon that forms the head waters of the Brazos. The head springs of this river will feed the artificial lake that is planned in connection with the club.

A nine hole golf course will be put in, the lake enlarged and restocked with fish—it already is well supplied with bass. A club house will be built in the coming spring.

The present Golf and Gun Club is located on leased grounds whose lease expires in January. It is expected that the new grounds will be improved by the expiration of the present lease.

This is the first season that golf has been played in this city but more than a hundred golf enthusiasts are taking part in the sport. The first West Texas golf tournament was held in this city early in May. A late summer tournament is being planned for the first of September that is expected to bring together seventy-five West Texas golfers.

Miss Bernice O'Neal, of The O'Neal Shop, will leave this week for New York and other eastern markets where she will buy ready-to-wear and millinery. Before buying she will make a thorough study of all the new styles and will endeavor to make selections that will please the most fastidious.

Miss Ruth Collins, of Floydada, spent Monday in Lubbock.